

Bullrun Creek Watershed Restoration Partnership Receives a 2004 Conservation Achievement Award from Tennessee Wildlife Federation



The Tennessee Wildlife Federation and National Wildlife Federation hosted the 2004 Conservation Achievement Awards Program in Nashville on March 23, 2005.

Each year the Tennessee Wildlife Federation presents awards to outstanding individuals and organizations that make exceptional contributions to the conservation of Tennessee's natural resources. This year, the Bullrun Creek Watershed Restoration Partnership (BCRP) was presented the "Water Conservationist of the Year" award.

The Tennessee Valley Authority nominated the Bullrun Creek Restoration Partnership (BCRP) for the efforts made in water conservation by the partnership. BCRP is

a consortium of 14 agencies and organizations who are taking a long-term, holistic approach to restoring Bullrun Creek's water resources.

BCRP was formed in response to concerns expressed by watershed residents about deteriorating water quality, along with several requests for assistance implementing agricultural best management practices (BMPs). BCRP partners include: Tennessee Valley Authority; Knox, Union, Anderson, and Grainger County Soil Conservation Districts; Natural Resources Conservation Service; University of Tennessee; Knox County Engineering Department; Hallsdale-Powell Utility District; Maynardville Utility District; Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation; Tennessee Department of Agriculture; Bullrun Creek Watershed Association; and Americorps.

The long-term goal of BCRP is to restore Bullrun Creek and remove it from the state's list of impaired streams. To achieve this goal, BCRP has developed a comprehensive program with the following elements: resource condition and pollution source assessments, community support, information and education, technical assistance, and funding from several partners.

To date, the BCRP has assisted property owners in improving over 500 acres of pasture, established and enhanced 18,000 feet of riparian buffers, and stabilizing over 8,000 feet of eroding stream bank.

Receiving the award on behalf of the BCRP were Todd L. Reed - NRCS District Conservationist Union County, Bobby L. Ellison – NRCS Soil Conservation Technician Union County, Melinda A. Watson – TVA Field Representative, and Daniel Horne – Knox County SCD Soil Conservationist.